

House Resolution

No. 73

Introduced by Assembly Member Wesson

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House Resolution No. 73—Relative to commending the Honorable David G. Kelley.

1 WHEREAS, The tenure of the Honorable David G. Kelley with
2 the California State Assembly is drawing to a close following a
3 total of 24 years in the California State Legislature, and it is
4 appropriate at this time to highlight the many achievements of his
5 illustrious tenure and to extend to him the highest commendations
6 of the people of the state; and

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Member David Kelley was elected to
8 the California State Assembly in 2000 to represent the 80th
9 Assembly District; prior to that, he served eight years in the
10 California State Senate and, prior to term limits, served 14 years
11 in the Assembly, where he was first elected in 1978; and

12 WHEREAS, Dave Kelley is known in both the Assembly and
13 the Senate as one of the state's most knowledgeable and key water
14 leaders, including fresh water, water conservation, water
15 reclamation, water planning, and water transfers; and

16 WHEREAS, To that end, and with regard to fresh water, he was
17 key to the success of the San Diego County Water Authority
18 (SDCWA), Imperial Irrigation District (IID), and Metropolitan
19 Water District of Southern California agreement on the transfer of
20 agricultural water from IID to SDCWA, and by virtue of
21 introducing and seeing signed into law his Senate Bill 1082 in
22 1997, he became the father of California's 4.4 Plan, which will

1 reduce Southern California's dependence on the Colorado River
2 without leading to a net loss of water; and

3 WHEREAS, In the arena of water conservation, he carried
4 legislation that established water efficiency standards for
5 commercial washing machines, advocated the use of "reclaimed"
6 or "recycled" water throughout the state, created an office within
7 the Department of Water Resources to deal with water reclamation
8 and the promotion of the use of reclaimed water statewide, and
9 worked tirelessly for several years with former Legislator and
10 Judge, Gordon Cologne, on this unique issue of reusing water and
11 saving our precious drinking water; and

12 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Kelley was instrumental in
13 having signed into law legislation relating to geothermal energy
14 and other alternative energy sources, and in the arena of
15 environmental resource protection, he established the Salton Sea
16 Authority, an entity designed to manage and protect the resources
17 of the Salton Sea, which is located totally within his district; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1993 Senator Kelley was appointed by the
19 Senate Rules Committee to serve as a member of the Library
20 Construction and Renovation Bond Act Board, in which capacity
21 he obtained bond moneys to build much-needed libraries in
22 Cathedral City and Rancho Bernardo; and

23 WHEREAS, Over a three-year period, Senator Kelley obtained
24 enough moneys through the Budget Bills to build a park that was
25 sorely needed to assist the at-risk youth of Calexico, a poor
26 community in Imperial County; and

27 WHEREAS, He carried legislation and worked directly with
28 CalTrans from the time he was first elected until 2001 to get
29 improvements on Highway 86, a roadway named "The Killer
30 Highway," and he was successful in turning a dangerous two-lane
31 road into a four-lane highway through two counties in his district;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, He secured funding for the University of
34 California's Exotic Pest Research Facility at the University of
35 California, Riverside, carried and supported many pieces of
36 legislation dealing with the myriad of issues surrounding
37 California's agricultural interests, including water, pesticides,
38 integrated pest management, taxes on farm implements, and the
39 Williamson Act, and introduced legislation that was signed into
40 law that created "California Gold," the royalty fees from which



1 go to the State General Fund, and legislation that established
2 sisterhood status between California and Baja California, Mexico;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In 1996 Senator Kelley was appointed by the
5 Senate Rules Committee to Chair a Senate Working Group for the
6 Proposed Western Center on Archaeology and Paleontology, a
7 research and teaching facility suggested for construction at the
8 Domenigoni Valley Reservoir Site in Riverside County, and he
9 worked relentlessly to secure funding to see a Western Center for
10 Archaeology and Paleontology established; and

11 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Riverside County, Assembly
12 Member Kelley graduated from California State Polytechnic
13 University, San Luis Obispo, majoring in citrus fruit production,
14 served during the Korean Conflict as a pilot in the United States
15 Air Force, and has been a successful citrus rancher for more than
16 40 years in the Hemet area, where he has been intensely involved
17 in agricultural organizations and civic organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, Dave Kelley and his wife, Brigitte, are the parents
19 of four grown children, Sharon Haupt, Bridget Kelley, Margi
20 Valine, and Ken Kelley, and devoted grandparents of nine
21 grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Through his public service activities he has made
23 a significant impact on the people of the 80th Assembly District
24 and throughout the state, and he will be greatly missed by those
25 individuals with whom he has been associated; now, therefore, be
26 it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
28 Members express their commendations and appreciation to their
29 colleague, the Honorable David G. Kelley, for his outstanding
30 record of dedicated service to his constituents and to all of the
31 people of California, and convey to him best wishes for every
32 success in his future endeavors.

